

# **State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Labor and Workforce Development Independent Living Rehabilitation Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Independent Living Rehabilitation

### Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by promoting a philosophy of independent living through peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy in order to maximize the empowerment, independence, employment and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and their integration and full inclusion into mainstream society.

### Core Services

The Independent Living Centers address the needs of individuals who have significant disabilities. Due to the extent of their disability, many of these individuals do not possess the skills needed to live independently. A major focus of Alaska's Centers for Independent Living is providing individuals with disabilities the skills and tools necessary to make choices and gain full inclusion and integration into society, employment and independent living. Staff at the Centers work directly with individuals providing skill training, counseling and the purchase of assistive technologies that make it possible for them to live, socialize and work as independently as they are capable. The Centers also advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and collaborate with numerous agencies, boards, and groups to achieve equal access and services for all people with disabilities.

### FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2008 Component Budget: \$1,494,600</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

Providing services to individuals who reside in rural areas continues to be challenging and expensive. Due to limited funding many remote villages in Alaska have not been visited or served in several years. The number of referrals from rural areas has increased significantly. This last year additional rural areas were provided outreach and as a result additional individuals were identified who were in need of service. However, once staff from the independent living centers left these villages, many established local agencies did not continue to provide ongoing independent services to those in need. With limited funding many individuals who reside in these remote areas are not receiving services and those who are being served receive only sporadic services. Centers will continue to strive to educate existing community service providers who reside in these remote villages to enable them to provide and deliver ongoing independent living services.

Funding has not been adequate to serve all individuals especially those with cross and multiple disabilities. These groups include individuals with severe mental illness, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and those who are blind and deaf.

Independent living centers have discovered that many individuals with disabilities who reside in nursing homes are not aware of community based services that would allow them to live in less restrictive and substantially less expensive environments. Although many individuals have been diverted from entering and others have been assisted in leaving nursing homes, this continues to be an ongoing challenge due to funding and the significant amount of staff time involved. Centers will continue to conduct outreach to the public and private sector to educate them about the availability of programs that provide alternatives to institutional and nursing facility living.

Additionally some centers continue to administer Personal Attendant Care programs. These programs provide the

services that enable many individuals to leave or be diverted from entering nursing homes. Centers are reporting challenges and delays in services due to the new state assessment process required for Consumer Directed Personal Care Services.

## **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008**

The Alaska State Independent Living Council (SILC), utilizing the Aging and Disability Resource Center grant, is working with the Centers for Independent Living (CIL) to divert people with significant disabilities from entering institutional care facilities. Contracts are in place with the CIL's in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kenai and Juneau.

## **Major Component Accomplishments in 2006**

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) assisted additional individuals who were in need of transportation services by coordinating funding and efforts in their communities and offering reduced taxi fares for people with disabilities. In collaboration with the city of Juneau a CIL arranged and purchased the first wheelchair accessible taxi which is operated by a local taxi company. This has permitted over 270 people with disabilities to access transportation on demand during its first year of operation.

The State Independent Living Council encouraged the CIL's to conduct outreach to unserved and underserved populations throughout the state. Three villages in the Arctic were visited for the first time and numerous individuals received independent living services.

A statewide Regional Resource Manual was developed, printed and is being disseminated throughout the state. The manual provides information on over 1,500 health and human services available in Alaska that can be of benefit to the elderly and all people with disabilities.

Southeast Alaska Independent Living hosted the local Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program for training focusing on mental health and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Outreach was conducted in the communities of Hoonah, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan. To better identify the needs of the Filipino population, meetings were held with the newly elected Filipino Community Leader.

Access of Alaska Anchorage is now approved to provide services to individuals who are clients of the division. This brings the number of approved centers to four and represents an excellent coordination of services between Centers for Independent Living and the division for individuals who have recently obtained the skills to live independently and are now preparing to enter the workforce.

## **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

### **Federal Authority:**

34 CFR Parts 364 - 367

State Independent Living Services Program and Centers for Independent Living Program

PL 150 – 220 Title IV

Section 410. Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living

### **Statutory Authority:**

AS 23.15

Employment Service – Vocational Rehabilitation Program

AS 47.80.300

Statewide Independent Living Council

### **Administrative Regulations:**

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Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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### Independent Living Rehabilitation Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	11.6	11.6
73000 Services	0.0	34.0	34.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	1.5	1.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,214.9	1,547.5	1,447.5
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,214.9</b>	<b>1,594.6</b>	<b>1,494.6</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	539.0	770.8	770.8
1003 General Fund Match	58.1	58.1	58.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	617.8	765.7	665.7
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,214.9</b>	<b>1,594.6</b>	<b>1,494.6</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	539.0	770.8	770.8
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>539.0</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>770.8</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>539.0</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>770.8</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2007 Management Plan</b>	<b>823.8</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,594.6</b>
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Delete One Time General Funds Appropriated for Independent Living Services	-100.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
<b>FY2008 Governor</b>	<b>723.8</b>	<b>770.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,494.6</b>